

Easter 03

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Celebrate (Introduction)

"Today is sometimes called 'Good Shepherd Sunday.' Jesus is called the 'gate' of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation."

Opening Hymn: [ELW 391 – This Joyful Eastertide](#)

Prayer of the Day

O God, our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 318 – Alleluia, Song of Gladness](#)

1st Reading: [Acts 10:34-43 NRSVUE - Gentiles Hear the Good News - Then - Bible Gateway](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Illness

- ¹ I love the LORD because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD,
"O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?

- ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD;

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.
¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.
¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

2nd Reading: [1 Peter 1:17-23 NRSVUE - If you invoke as Father the one who - Bible Gateway](#)

The Gospel: [Luke 24:13-35 NRSVUE - The Walk to Emmaus - Now on that same - Bible Gateway](#)

Hymn: [ELW 792 – When Memory Fades](#)

The Message: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Offering*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially: Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Karen Dye, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Angela Hayes, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Mary Kissh, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, Jenny Van Asdale, and Pastor Jack

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;
The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters
Live on knowing God's love,
The joy of living this life of love,
And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.
So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 536 – God Be With You Till We Meet Again](#)

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